

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents comprising:
a device for acquiring at least one image of a document;
means for storing said at least one image and/or at least information extracted
from image analysis;
means for associating a label to said documents, said label comprising first
information regarding the documents; and
means for retrieving ~~retrieving~~ at least part of said information of said
label; ~~[[.]]characterized on that~~
wherein said label is an electronic label.
2. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents according to
claim 1, ~~characterized on that~~ wherein said electronic label is a ~~transmitting~~ transmitting
~~and or~~ and/or receiving unit.
3. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents according to
claim 1, ~~or 2 characterized on that~~ wherein said electronic label is a RF tag.
4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents according to ~~one~~
~~of the previous claims~~ claim 1, further comprising a box for containing at least one
document.
5. (Original) Apparatus for managing documents according to claim 4 further
comprising an electronic label associated to said box.

6. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents according to claim 4, ~~characterized on that~~ wherein said electronic label associated to said box comprises second information regarding the box and the at least one document contained in said box.

7. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents according to ~~claim 1, one of the previous claims characterized on that~~ claim 1, wherein said means for ~~retrieving~~ retrieving at least part of said information of said label comprises an ~~electronical~~ electronic information reader and means for performing a logical operation concerning said information.

8. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents according to ~~one of the claims from 4 to 7 characterized on that~~ claim 4, wherein said box further ~~comprising~~ comprises a memory for storing data.

9. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents according to ~~to~~ claim 4, one of the claims from 4 to 8 further comprising means for searching ~~and or~~ and/or retrieving document contents by querying information of the box memory

10. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents according to ~~to~~ one of the previous claims characterized on that claim 1, wherein said first information ~~is~~ are box identifier ~~and or~~ and/or box position.

11. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents according to ~~to~~ one of the previous claims characterized on that claim 1, wherein said first information ~~is~~ are box position.

12. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents according to ~~to one of the previous claims characterized on that~~ claim 1, wherein said information is the ~~are~~ number of documents contained in said box.

13. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing documents according to ~~to one of the previous claims 7, 9 or 10 characterized on that~~ claim 7, wherein said logical operation ~~comprise~~ comprises the steps of:

~~retrieve~~ retrieving first information from each document in order to have a first number associated to the count of the documents;

~~retrieve~~ retrieving second information from the box regarding the number of documents ~~contained~~ contained inside; and

~~applied~~ applying the difference between said first number and the number of documents retrieved from the second information.

14. (Currently Amended) Method for managing documents comprising the steps of:

acquiring at least one image of a document;

storing said at least one image;

associating a label to a document, said label comprising first information regarding the documents; and

~~retrieving~~ retrieving at least part of said information of said label; [[.]]

~~characterized on that~~ wherein said label is an electronic label.

15. (Currently Amended) Method for managing documents according to claim 13 [[.]], further comprising the steps of:

processing document extracting digital text;

~~retriving~~ retrieving at least part of said information of said text corresponding to specified text;

~~retriving~~ retrieving the label of all the document connected to said text; and

~~retriving~~ retrieving the box identifier ~~and-or~~ and/or position of all the boxes connected to said text.

16. (Currently Amended) Method for managing documents according to claim 13, further comprising the steps of:

storing said at least one document in an enclosure;

associating a label to the enclosure, said label having its physical characteristics connected to the integrity of enclosure; and

~~retriving~~ retrieving, frequently in time, at least part of said information of said label.

17. (Currently Amended) Method for managing documents according to claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

moving the enclosure in a storage area;

checking with a receiving transmitting means the presence of new labels; and

updating a reference system for modification.

18. (Currently Amended) Method for managing documents according to claim 15 ~~or 16~~, further comprising the steps of:

~~processing document~~ extracting digital text; and

storing said at least digital text in a memory located on the enclosure.

19. (Currently Amended) Method for managing documents comprising the steps of:

scanning an area with a an emitter/receiver;

storing information of ray orientation and received signal; and

elaborating the stored information associating a label to said digital text

~~characterized on that;~~

wherein a physical position map is generated for documents ~~and or~~ and/or box.